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Do we have a response for Gordon?

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Ms. Pennock,

Thank you for your response to my question regarding the bark at OU5, a topic that has been on many minds over the years since LA was found in area tree bark.

I do have some comments however. First it seems troubling that the samples were taken in 2006 and not reported until 2009. Question: how much material was removed and placed on Libby properties between those dates? Second, the comparative sample results between PLM and TEM is consistent with what has been experienced in Libby. However with four samples showing results with TEM it seems that should send up a red flag for EPA managers in that the sampling method was what is known as a "face" sample which is only a very narrow picture as to what is actually inside the huge piles. With four samples showing LA, I would think EPA would have recommended the property owner not to broadcast the material throughout Libby, which I believe has been the case. Even EPA's letter to the property owner does not reflect a protective approach given the positive results in the face samples. Since 2009 I have been told that tons of this bark has been used in Libby.

Once again thank you for the information.

Gordon Sullivan

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EPA tested the bark on the Stimson property in 2007. Upon the owner's request, EPA provided the sample results to the property owner in 2009. Here is a copy of the letter.

(See attached file: Bark ltr.Rumelhart.8.27.09.pdf)

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